

MANITOWOC COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

Chairperson Cathy Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

Roll Call: Cathy Wagner, Jon Neils, Bob Cavanaugh, and Michael Slattery were present. Biff Hansen, Ted Hoffman and Tyler Martell were excused.

Also in attendance were: Jerry Halverson and Laura Paletta - Soil & Water Conservation Department.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Jon Neils. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes: Motion was made by Jon Neils and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: None

Department of Agriculture Trade & Consumer Protection Innovation Grant: Laura Paletta informed the committee that grant funds will be used to cost share with landowners to install harvestable buffers along streams and lakes, inter-seed alfalfa into corn silage to provide soil cover after the corn crop is harvested, and repair tile line blow-outs to reduce nutrient discharge to lakes and streams from cropped fields.

Budget Review: Reviewed budget ending date April 30, 2021.

Progress Report on Pine Creek Watershed: Laura Paletta stated that good progress is being made in the watershed, including a transect survey to establish a snap shot of crops being planted and conservation practices being implemented. Future surveys will identify trends and change. A website has been developed for the watershed, numerous conservation practices will be installed this summer, and a meeting with 31 people in attendance was held on May 7 to discuss conservation practices to improve water quality and protect soil from erosion.

Cost Share Contracts/Amendments/Agreements: Motion by Jon Neils and seconded by Bob Cavanaugh to approve Soil and Water Resource Management Grant cost share contracts as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Department of Natural Resources 2021 Tree Sale Report: Jerry Halverson handed out a summary sheet of trees and shrubs that were sold in the county by the Department of Natural Resources. 46,478 trees and shrubs were sold. Jerry also stated that the county has two tree planting machines for rent.

Annual Waste Ordinance Violations: Two violations of Manitowoc County Ordinance for surface applying manure to land that drains to a sinkhole and not incorporated within 48 hours.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for July 15, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cavanaugh and seconded by Jon Neils at 5:41 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Halverson
Department Director